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REMARKS

The outstanding Office Action requires that Applicants elect one of the following two (2) inventions:

- I. Claims 287-318, drawn to a labeled target and labeled reagent comprising a backbone having at least one rigid group (a), (b), (c), classified in class 536, subclass 26.6.
- II. Claims 319-362, drawn to a labeled target and labeled reagent comprising a backbone comprising at least two consecutive polar rigid units. classified in class 536, subclass 26.6.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Invention II, which covers claims 319-362, drawn to a labeled target and labeled reagent comprising at least two consecutive polar rigid units. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional application(s) directed to the non-elected invention as identified in the Office Action.

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